



The Sprout Report

*"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed..."
Matthew 13:31*

The Newsletter of Mustard Seed Ministries

"You're right, Doc! Initially, I took the job so that I could make a bit of income while waiting for a good IT job to open up." David said this to me with a big, knowing grin on his face.

When we arrived back in the Philippines last summer, Cindy got started in the tutoring program again. She was working on her own much of the time but never complained to me about it, only mentioned that it was a big challenge. As one might imagine, behavior issues in the population of kids she works with are common. Additionally, the computers we use in the program struggle to keep going in the heat and humidity of the tropics.

David, a Believer and recent college grad in our area, was asked to help sort through some of our computer issues. He readily agreed. With an IT degree but no job yet, he was available. While working on our computers, he noticed Cindy was pretty well outnumbered by all the kids (a lot from broken homes) and his heart went out to them. Soon it became apparent to him that he could be a real help in more ways than just fixing computers... discipline. He's a fairly big guy and wouldn't have any trouble keeping the kids in line! Plus, he could use the work so a temporary agreement brought David alongside to help out.

Then something wonderful happened... David became excited about the opportunity to disciple these kids. Although actively involved in the tutoring, he dove into developing the devotional side of the program. He can't say enough about how much he enjoys sharing Christ with them.

The kids still act up from time to time, but his presence has begun to have an effect. He would say he's very much in a "seed sowing" phase but loves the kids and knows that God can and will use this season of his life to make an impact on their lives. Cindy came home chuckling last week because she overheard one of the kids call him "Pastor."

Please pray that this season of seed sowing will have a powerful and life changing impact on the kids we're working with.

"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:3

We continue to be awed by God's faithful provision to meet the needs as we look to Him.
Thanks for your part in the ministry!

Love, Scott and Cindy